

# Growing Roots East End Network

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY,

OCTOBER 9TH

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

AT EDISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

6901 AVENUE I, HOUSTON, TX 77011

## SAVE THE DATE

### FINCA TRES ROBLES

SAT. SEPTEMBER 21ST, 9 AM - 11AM

PREPARING THE FALL GARDEN CLASS

257 N GREENWOOD ST, HOUSTON, TX 77011

### URBAN HARVEST

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

STARTING A COMMUNITY OR SCHOOL GARDEN

#### WORKSHOP

UHD, 1 MAIN ST, 77001

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2 PM - 4 PM

#### HUB DISTRIBUTION

GALLEGOS ELEMENTARY

PICK UP YOUR TRANSPLANTS

(FOR AFFILIATE GARDENS ONLY)

#### CHECK OUT THEIR WEBSITE:

[HTTP://URBANHARVEST.ORG/EVENTS](http://urbanharvest.org/events)

### CONFERENCE

#### WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

OCTOBER 4TH, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/WOMEN-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-in-agriculture-conference-tickets-70004480285?)

[IN-AGRICULTURE-CONFERENCE-TICKETS-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-in-agriculture-conference-tickets-70004480285?)

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## OUR LINKS:



[HTTPS://WWW.ELCENTRODECORAZON.ORG/G-R-E-E-N/](https://www.elcentrodecorazon.org/g-r-e-e-n/)



[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/G.R.E.E.N.EASTEND/](http://www.facebook.com/G.R.E.E.N.EASTEND/)



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## SEPTEMBER MEETING AT MISSION MILBY

The first GREEN Fall meeting was a huge success. We would like to thank all the gardens and supporters that came to this meeting at Mission Milby and were able to share in the beauty that is the Mission Milby garden! We had 9 school and community gardens represented at this meeting! Special guest speaker, Mr. Tommy Garcia-Prats was present to speak over fall & overall gardening tips. Thank you Finca Tres Robles for supporting our collaborative! During this time, we would also like to thank Port Houston, specifically Mr. Garret Berg, who has supported our collaborative from the beginning. His team designed and organized the development and restoration of the Mission Milby Community Garden this summer! Mission Milby now has a vegetable, herb, and pollinator garden!

## GREEN UPDATES/ COMMUNITY AGREEMENT FORM

Our collaborative has been active since the beginning of the year and we are so proud of how far we have gotten. We are happy to see that many of the gardens in the East End are becoming very productive! We would like to continue to support our gardens that are active in using the resources we provide. GREEN has begun applying for grants this semester. We will be allocating funding to help the current gardens we work with, in providing tangible resources and a sort of allowance for each garden. For this reason, we have created a Community Agreement form that will have to be signed by each garden and group that would like to continue receiving information and resources from GREEN. We encourage anyone that is receiving our information to sign this as well, so we know what type of information you would like to be receiving from us, therefore you are not tagged in every email we send out. Filling out this form will just mean that you are a part of the GREEN Collaborative and will continue to support us until the following year. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to one of the contacts found at the end of this newsletter.

## NEXT MEETING AT EDISON MIDDLE SCHOOL/ APPLYING FOR GRANTS

Our next meeting will be hosted at Edison Middle School alongside Ms. Andrea Hernandez. She has opened the doors for us to see the amazing work that is being done at this garden. We hope you will be able to make it out and see their unique vegetable and bird garden! At this meeting we will have a speaker talking upon Grant Writing and what should be highlighted when writing proposals. For those interested in receiving funding to help renovate or build a garden for your school or location, we encourage you to attend this meeting! In our September meeting we distributed a Grant List that most of our schools or organizations qualify to apply for. Please find this Grant List attached to the GREEN email or on our website. If you need assistance in reviewing your application before submission, we have a few experienced grant writers that would gladly help. We also hope to have a gardening educator at this meeting to speak over permaculture or maintaining fruit trees through this season. Please contact us to let us know if you have any suggestions for garden education. More information will be sent out prior to meeting day. Stay tuned!

## FALL TRANSPLANTS

Fall Transplants will be distributed at the following GREEN Meeting in October. Remember to research the types of seeds and transplants that should be sown each month. Seasonal planting guides can be found on our website and also on the Urban Harvest Website. If you are an affiliate garden with Urban Harvest, please don't forget to pick up your transplants at the Hub Distribution September 28th. We now have a Hub location in the East End at Gallegos Elementary: 7415 Harrisburg Blvd, Houston, TX 77011.

## FALL PLANTING TIPS AND REMINDERS

"Don't worry about failing. It's going to die!", said Tommy Garcia-Prats. If you have not already realized, we live in Houston where we have really hot summers and don't really have a winter growing season. Tommy divided the growing seasons as follows: Fall (Nov. - Feb.), Spring (March), Summer (April - May), Inferno (June-August), and Summer 2.0 (Sept. - Oct.) It is hard to farm year round in this area, so don't be discouraged when some things do not grow or die. Focus on the plants that survive and give them all of your care and attention. Be sure to watch out for leaf discoloration. Disease and over watering look the same: yellowing of the leaves. Remember to use compost to regenerate your garden beds. Fertilizers can also be introduced before planting (Use Microlife for a good organic fertilizer) to maximize yield and productivity. Do not start plants too early or they may not taste as good as when plant at the right time. Don't forget to ask for help. To learn more about Fall Gardening, Tommy has opened a few spots for Finca Tres Robles' Urban Homesteading: Preparing the Fall Garden Class Saturday, Sept. 21st from 9-11 AM. To RSVP, please contact us at [green@elcentrochc.org](mailto:green@elcentrochc.org).

## WOODCHIP PICK UP LOCATION AT GALLEGOS ELEMENTARY

Gallegos should be receiving a load of wood chips in the coming weeks for the garden from CHIPDROP.com. The plan is to have a surplus of wood chips to limit the needs for irrigation and weeding. We will have a few orders offloading throughout the Fall semester. Mr. Karim would love to share the resources at Gallegos Elementary. Please come by and pick up the wood chips as needed for your garden. Connect with Karim before you arrive to make sure the garden is open to you upon arrival. Contact info can be found at the end of the newsletter.

## READY FOR PLANTING

### BEGINNING OF (MONTH):

ARUGULA, SYLVETTA/SEED  
BOK CHOY, PAK CHOI, TATSOI/SEED  
BUCKWHEAT/SEED  
CABBAGE (NAPA, CHINESE)/SEED OR PLANT  
CARROT/SEED  
CHIVES, GARLIC & ONION/BULB  
LETTUCE, SEED  
MINT, PLANT  
MIZUNA/SEED  
MUSTARD, SEED  
ONIONS, MULTIPLYING/SETS  
OREGANO, GREEK, ITALIAN/PLANT  
ROSEMARY/PLANT  
SALSIFY, SCORZONERA/SEED OR PLANT  
SHUNGIKU (TONG HO)/SEED  
SUGAR CANE/CUTTING

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

[HTTPS://WWW.URBANHARVEST.ORG/GARDENING-ADVICE/](https://www.urbanharvest.org/gardening-advice/)



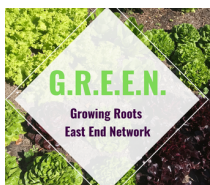
## VISIT US!

Our name has changed on all social media. These are the updated links.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/G.R.E.E.N.EastEnd/](https://www.facebook.com/G.R.E.E.N.EastEnd/)

Website: <https://www.elcentrodecorazon.org/g-r-e-e-n/>

Instagram: @G.R.E.E.N.EastEnd



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